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Council Chambers join for energy buyout

MATT DARAY
The Weekender

For the first time, multiple southern Illinois Chambers of Commerce came together in support of one thing; better energy rates for everyone.

Ten area chambers of commerce announced Wednesday that they're working with Ameren Energy and the Affordable Gas and Electricity to gain bulk buying power on energy. By doing so, these chambers would be able to secure cheaper energy deals for businesses and individuals who would not have the opportunity to negotiate these deals on their own. The deal is based off of a pilot program the chambers started last fall including Carbondale, Carterville, Centralia, Herrin, Jefferson County, Lawrence County, Marion, Murphysboro, Salem and West Frankfort.

Brandon Bullard, executive director of the Jefferson County Chamber of Commerce, said the deal started to take shape based on the experience the Chambers had with Affordable Gas and Electricity on the pilot program.

"Our experience and partnership with AGE has been a very positive one, not only for the service we've provided to our membership but the quality of service AGE has provided to us and our members who've opted in," he said.

Bullard said it is beneficial for more Chambers from local areas to join the group as well because it will allow for additional savings for cities, businesses and residents through the bulk rate.

Jeff Haarmann, managing partner for Affordable Gas and Electric, said his company chose Ameren Energy to be the exclusive pricing partner because they are a southern Illinois company and because of their success in the area.

"They have been wildly successful in winning our commercial accounts in general," he said. "They are one of the most competitive suppliers in the area; I think they pride themselves on maintaining their home footprint."

Haarmann said the buyout does have regulations in order for individuals or businesses to join. He said those seeking to join must be a member of the Chamber of Commerce, must be in the Ameren or ComEd utility service territory, and individuals who are already with an electric supplier must have their contracts expire before the year's end.

Haarmann said individuals looking to join the group can find forms to join the buyout group at their respective Chamber of Commerce's website. He said the form must be turned in by May 31 in order to join the initial buyout group.

Les O'Dell, executive director of the Carbondale Chamber of Commerce, said this is the first time all of these Chambers have worked together. He said the buyout deal will provide each community with vast amounts of savings.

"We anticipate that through this program that our members who opt in will save in a collective, if not hundreds of thousands of dollars, maybe millions of dollars on their annual power, in the collective group," he said. "That occurs through the advantages of buying as a big group."

O'Dell said this deal will apply to small-and-middle sized businesses, but large businesses may have the opportunity to join the buyout group as well. He said the money saved from this buyout is a win-win because it allows people to save money and use it toward buying from local businesses.

Joni Barwick, executive director of the Marion Chamber of Commerce, said this buyout shows how well the Chambers can work together to provide businesses and individuals lower living costs.

"Pulling together a large group to make a purchase of energy will save drastic dollars for our small and mid-sized business owners," she said. "This also speaks about the union that has brought together all these Chambers in southern Illinois in working together and providing these benefits for, pretty much, everybody in the southern Illinois region."

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Italian policemen shot near new gov’t swearing-in

FRANCES D’EMILIO
Associated Press

ROME — In the very moments Italy’s new coalition government was being sworn in, ending months of political paralysis in a country hoping to revive a bleak economy, a middle-aged unemployed bricklayer opened fire Sunday in the square outside the premier’s office, seriously wounding two policemen, authorities said.

The alleged gunman from Calabria, a southern region plagued by joblessness and organized crime, told investigators he wanted to shoot politicians. But finding none in the square, he instead shot at Carabinieri paramilitary police.

“**H**e is a man full of problems, who lost his job, who lost everything. He was desperate.”

— Pierfilippo Laviani
Rome Prosecutor

A bullet pierced one of the policemen in the neck, passing through his spinal column, doctors said, adding it wasn’t yet known if the 50-year-old officer would have any paralysis. The other one was shot in the leg and suffered a fracture.

The newly sworn in interior minister, Angelino Alfano, said a preliminary investigation indicated the shooting, which also slightly injured a pregnant

bystander, amounted to a “tragic criminal gesture of a 49-year-old unemployed” man.

But the shooting was also a violent expression of social tensions in Italy, where unemployment is soaring, an increasing number of businesses are shutting their doors permanently and new political corruption scandals make headlines nearly every day.

Politicians described the attack as a disturbing call to fix Italy’s economy.

“From what we understand, it’s mainly personal problems, work, personal debts” that fueled the gunman’s attack, said Guglielmo Epifani, a top official in Premier Enrico Letta’s center-left Democratic Party.

Epifani said in a state TV interview that while the financial crisis has caused some to commit suicide, “this is the first time someone shoots to kill” someone else “in a place filled

with innocent people.”

“The symbolism is there,” he said. The political world “must highlight its responsibility during the crisis before the country,” he said.

In brief comments to reporters after paying a hospital visit to the more seriously wounded policeman, Letta said, “it is a moment in which each must do one’s own duty.”

The 46-year-old Letta will speak to Parliament on Monday, laying out his strategy to reduce joblessness while still sticking to the austerity measures needed to keep the eurozone’s No. 3 economy from descending into a sovereign debt crisis. He will then face confidence votes needed to confirm his government.

Around the world, angry workers unite on May Day

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Associated Press

ISTANBUL — Workers around the world united in anger during May Day rallies Wednesday — from fury in Europe over austerity measures that have cut wages, reduced benefits and eliminated many jobs altogether, to rage in Asia over relentlessly low pay, the rising cost of living and hideous working conditions that have left hundreds dead in recent months.

In protests, strikes and other demonstrations held in cities across the planet, activists lashed out at political and business leaders they allege have ignored workers’ voices or enriched

themselves at the expense of laborers. In some places, the demonstrations turned violent, with activists clashing with police.

Many nations have been struggling with economic downturns for several years now, and workplace disasters in developing countries are nothing new, but the intensity of some of Wednesday’s gatherings suggested workers’ frustrations have grown especially acute, with many demanding immediate action to address their concerns.

The anger was painfully evident in Bangladesh, where the collapse last week of an illegally built eight-story facility housing multiple garment factories killed more than 400 in a Dhaka suburb. The building collapse

followed a garment factory fire in November that killed 112 people in the country, and it has increased the pressure on the global garment industry to improve working conditions.

A loud procession of thousands of workers wound through central Dhaka on Wednesday. Many waved the national flag and demanded the death penalty for the now-detained owner of the doomed building. From a loudspeaker on the back of a truck, a participant spoke for the throngs gathered: “My brother has died. My sister has died. Their blood will not be valueless.”

The Bangladesh tragedy drew a denunciation from Pope Francis during a private Mass at the Vatican. He blasted what he called the “slave”

wages of those who died, many of whom were being buried Wednesday as other bodies were still being pulled from the rubble. Francis criticized the focus on “balance books” and personal profit that he said are tied to the failure to pay workers fair wages.

In Greece and Spain, increasing numbers of people are losing their jobs as governments grappling with a debt crisis have been cutting spending, raising taxes and pursuing other stinging austerity measures. Both countries have unemployment rates hovering just above 27 percent.

Unions in Greece held a May Day strike that brought ferry and train services to a halt, and organized peaceful protest marches through

central Athens. The country, which nearly went bankrupt in 2010, is now in its sixth year of a deep recession and is dependent on international bailout loans.

While the austerity drive has succeeded in reducing high budget deficits, it has been at a huge cost: under the terms of its latest loan disbursement, Athens has agreed to sack about 15,000 civil servants through 2014.

“We are here to send a message to ... those in power in Europe, that we will continue our struggle against unfair, open-ended policies that are destroying millions of jobs on a national and European level,” said Kostas Tsikrikas, leader of Greek public sector labor union ADEDY.



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Gosnell trial stirs debate

MARYCLAIRE DALE
Associated Press

The high-profile murder trial of a Philadelphia abortion provider sparked courtroom debate Monday over when life ends, a tweak of the politically charged question of when life begins.

Dr. Kermit Gosnell, 72, faces capital murder charges in the deaths of four aborted babies, described by prosecutors as viable, born alive and then killed at his busy West Philadelphia clinic.

In closing arguments, Assistant District Attorney Ed Cameron called Gosnell's operation an assembly line where a stream of poor, mostly minority women and teens endured hours of painful labor and delivery because Gosnell did not successfully abort babies in utero. He instead killed them with scissors after they were born, authorities said.

"Are you human?" Cameron asked Gosnell, "to med these women up and stick knives in the backs of babies?"

The doctor sat calmly at the defense table, as he has throughout the often graphic six-week trial.

Eight former workers have pleaded guilty to murder or other charges and have testified to seeing babies move, breathe or whine. Yet some said they did not consider the babies fully alive until they were charged after a 2011 grand jury investigation.

Defense lawyer Jack McMahon has seized on that point and argued again Monday that the occasional spasms the workers saw were not the wriggling movements of a newborn baby. And he said prosecutors preyed on workers' emotions and fears to manipulate them into taking pleas that were not always warranted by the facts.

"They should be ashamed of themselves for that," McMahon argued.

He acknowledged that jurors have seen graphic, even grisly, photographs of aborted babies and bloody medical equipment.

"Abortion — as is any surgical procedure — isn't pretty," McMahon said. "It's bloody. It's real. But you have to transcend that."

And he refused to back down from aggressive

opening remarks in which he called prosecutors "elitist" and "racist" for pursuing his client, who is black and served mostly poor, minority women.

"We know why he was targeted," McMahon said.

Gosnell is also charged with third-degree murder in the overdose death of 41-year-old Karnamaya Mongar, who came from Virginia for an abortion in 2009.

Among the 54 prosecution witnesses was another Philadelphia abortion provider who said he had performed 40,000 abortions over a 35-year career. He said he only performed abortions up until 22 weeks and did them after 17 weeks at a hospital.

By contrast, Gosnell performed third-term abortions and had two mentally unstable medical assistants and a teenager on duty delivering anesthesia the night Mongar came in, Cameron said.

"If that doesn't tell you right away what kind of practice Dr. Gosnell ran, nothing will," he said.

One assistant warned Gosnell midway through the abortion that Mongar had no pulse, but he nonetheless finished the procedure, witnesses said. It took more than an hour to get her out of the clinic and to a hospital, where the recent refugee, who spoke no English, was pronounced dead the next day.

McMahon argued that prosecutors who blasted the clinic as a "house of horrors" sensationalized the case to make headlines.

"This isn't a perfect place by any stretch of the imagination — but it isn't what they say it is," McMahon argued.

Also on trial is former clinic employee Eileen O'Neill, 56, of Phoenixville. She is charged with theft for allegedly practicing medicine without a license. O'Neill's lawyer said in his closing arguments that prosecutors failed to prove their case against her.

District Attorney Seth Williams, whose office filed the charges, was in the courtroom for closing arguments and shook hands with Cameron and fellow trial prosecutor Joanne Pescatore at day's end.

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Illinois coal export sets record

JIM SUHR
AP Business Writer

Illinois’ abundant high-sulfur coal once shunned as a pollution source by U.S. utilities saw record demand overseas last year even as domestic coal providers broadly curtailed production as cheaper, competing natural gas crimped their sales, according to a new report Wednesday.

Energy Ventures Analysis Inc.’s study, commissioned by the Illinois Office of Coal Development, found that 13 million tons of Illinois coal was exported last year, up from 2.5 million tons in 2010 and 5.5 million tons in 2011. Over the past two years, the report found, ore made its way to at least 18 countries, most notably China and other Asian countries where demand for coal has been ravenous.

Rising four spots since 2009 to become the nation’s fifth-biggest coal-producing state, Illinois churned out 47.2 million tons of the natural resource last year, up 25 percent from 37.8 million tons the previous year. That surge came as U.S. coal production slumped 11 percent overall, as stubbornly soft demand — partly because U.S. electric utilities switched to cheaper natural gas as their fuel source — drove down coal prices and consumption.

Illinois officials attribute the increase in overseas demand for the state’s coal to its wealth of it from

its place in the resource-rich Illinois Basin, which also includes portions of Indiana and Kentucky. Illinois has the nation’s biggest coal reserves used in electricity generation and to heat large boilers and industrial furnaces, Wednesday’s report noted.

Illinois’ proximity to key shipping routes such as the Ohio and Mississippi rivers to get the coal to the Gulf of Mexico, along with coal producers’ easy access to Illinois highways and rail lines, give the state “a unique export advantage over other states in the region,” Gov. Pat Quinn said in a statement.

Illinois’ coal production, which peaked in 1918 at 89 million tons and a work force of more than 100,000, took a beating in the 1990s after the federal Clean Air Act required coal-fired power plants to either burn low-sulfur coal or install costly “scrubbers” to curb the emission of sulfur dioxide, a cause of acid rain.

To meet those new requirements, Midwestern plants found it cheaper to import low-sulfur coal from Western states like Wyoming. In Illinois, an industry that produced 60 million tons of coal and boasted more than 10,000 jobs in 1990 plunged to 33 million tons and fewer than 3,500 workers just a decade later as many of the mines closed.

But Illinois in recent years has enjoyed a coal comeback, partly because U.S. coal-fired power plants increasingly have added more efficient anti-pollution technology capable of handling such high-sulfur coal.

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Gosnell is also charged with performing illegal third-term abortions, failing to counsel patients and observe the 24-hour waiting period and racketeering. Gosnell did not testify at the trial but might take the stand if he is convicted and the trial moves to the penalty phase. He has painted himself in pre-indictment media interviews as an altruistic doctor who returned

to serve his medically needy community.



“He provided those desperate young girls with relief. He gave them a solution to their problems,” McMahon argued Monday.

But Cameron said whatever intentions he may have once had turned criminal as he focused more on getting rich than on his patients.

“He created an assembly line with no regard for these women whatsoever. And he made money doing that,” Cameron said.

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Lawmakers: Syria chemical weapons could menace US

PHILLIP ELLIOTT
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Syria’s stockpile of chemical weapons could be a greater threat after that nation’s president leaves power and could end up targeting Americans at home, lawmakers warned Sunday as they considered a U.S. response that stops short of sending military forces there.

U.S. officials last week declared that the Syrian government probably had used chemical weapons twice in March, newly provocative acts in the 2-year civil war that has killed more than 70,000 people and displaced hundreds of thousands more. The U.S. assessment followed similar conclusions from Britain, France, Israel and Qatar — key allies eager for a more aggressive response to the Syrian conflict.

President Barack Obama has said Syria’s likely action — or the transfer of President Bashar Assad’s stockpiles to terrorists — would cross a “red line” that would compel the United States to act.

Lawmakers sought to remind viewers on Sunday news programs of Obama’s declaration while discouraging a U.S. foothold on the ground there.

“The president has laid down the line, and it can’t be a dotted line. It can’t be anything other than a red line,” said House Intelligence Committee Chairman Rep. Mike Rogers, R-Mich. “And more than just Syria, Iran is paying attention to this. North Korea is paying attention to this.”

Added Sen. Saxby Chambliss, R-Ga.: “For America to sit on the sidelines and do nothing is a huge mistake.”

Obama has insisted that any use of chemical weapons would change his thinking about the United States’ role in Syria but said he didn’t have enough information to order aggressive action.

“For the Syrian government to utilize chemical weapons on its people crosses a line that will change my calculus and how the United States approaches these issues,” Obama said Friday.

But Rep. Jan Schakowsky, an Illinois Democrat, said Sunday the United States needs to consider those weapons. She said that when Assad leaves power, his opponents could have access to those weapons or they could fall into the hands of U.S. enemies.

“The day after Assad is the day that these chemical weapons could be at risk ... (and) we could be in bigger, even bigger trouble,” she said.

Both sides of the civil war already accuse each other of using the chemical weapons. The deadliest such alleged attack was in the Khan al-Assal village in the Aleppo province in March. The Syrian government called for the United Nations to investigate alleged chemical weapons use by rebels in the attack that killed 31 people.

Syria, however, has not allowed a team of experts into the country because it wants the investigation limited to the single Khan al-Assal incident, while U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon has urged “immediate and unfettered access” for an expanded investigation.

Fewer health applicants than expected in Illinois

CARLA K. JOHNSON
The Associated Press

CHICAGO — Only six insurance carriers have told the state of Illinois they want to sell a combined 165 health policies on the state’s online insurance marketplace under the nation’s new health care law — numbers far lower than expected, raising concerns the trend will hold true across the country.

Fewer health plans could mean less competition and possibly higher premium prices. Officials in President Barack Obama’s home state had anticipated some 260 health plans would be offered by 16 different insurance carriers, based on a survey the Illinois Department of Insurance conducted last fall.

The Illinois numbers are an early indicator that insurance companies are backing away from full participation in the online marketplaces, said Robert Laszewski, a former insurance executive turned industry consultant.

“I’m hearing that from other carriers in other parts of the country as well,” Laszewski said. “They are terribly fearful that if there’s a poor launch (of the marketplaces) they’re going to get blamed for a mess.”

The carriers may participate in the marketplaces in their core customer states, bypassing other states in the first year, he said.

Insurers are concerned, in part, that people who have expensive medical conditions will sign up immediately for coverage through the exchanges, while healthier customers will wait. That could leave an insurer, at least initially, without enough premium revenue to handle the medical bills it receives. They’re also concerned about how fees and coverage restrictions mandated by the law will affect the profitability of their plans.

But Gov. Pat Quinn expressed optimism in a statement released Wednesday, saying he’s “very encouraged” multiple plans are being offered.

The national health law requires most Americans to have health insurance beginning Jan. 1. Many people who are now uninsured will buy health insurance through the government online marketplace because they’ll be able to get tax credits to help pay for it. The online marketplaces — one in every state — are

scheduled to be up and running by Oct. 1.

Fewer health plans on the exchanges could affect the cost of premiums people pay for coverage. Proponents of the Affordable Care Act say the online marketplaces will help hold down premium hikes because insurers will be competing against each other as customers compare several policies side by side to find the best match.

UnitedHealth Group Inc. and Aetna Inc. have told analysts that their involvement in the health insurance marketplaces across the country will depend on whether they’re financially viable for the companies. On a conference call with investor analysts Tuesday, Aetna officials said they might pull their products from the online marketplaces at the last minute.

“We are entering these exchanges very carefully,” Aetna Chairman and CEO Mark Bertolini told analysts Tuesday during a conference call to discuss earnings. UnitedHealth is the nation’s largest health insurer, and Aetna is the third largest, based on enrollment.

In Illinois, one factor that could help competition on the health insurance marketplace is the nonprofit Land of Lincoln Health. The health law created a category of insurance carriers called Consumer Operated and Oriented Plans, or “co-ops.” Land of Lincoln Health, the only co-op in Illinois to receive federal approval, received a \$160 million federal loan to begin operations.

Dan Yunker, Land of Lincoln Health CEO, said Wednesday the organization hopes its premium prices will be the lowest on the marketplace. The company has submitted multiple health plans to the state.

Prices will be kept low, Yunker said, because consumers will govern the co-op, and “our executives are never going to take huge big paychecks.”

While other carriers wouldn’t say how many plans they submitted in Illinois, Chicago-based Health Care Service Corp. offered 35 plans to Illinois officials, said spokesman Greg Thompson.

“HCSC has filed its Qualified Health Plan (QHP) applications in each of the states in which it operates,” Thompson said. “Our filings reflect our commitment to expanding access to care in our states and our intention to offer an array of competitively priced products and services to our existing and potential customers — on and off the health insurance exchanges.”

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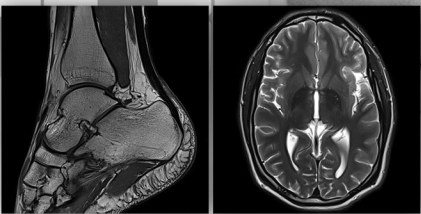
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SIU, Harris-Stowe sign exchange pact

KARSTEN BURGSTAHLER
The Weekender

A new recruiting agreement could bring some fresh faces to campus in the coming semesters.

The university officially signed a memorandum of understanding March 21 with Harris-Stowe State University, a historically black university, or HBCU, located in St. Louis to benefit programs at both universities. John Koropchak, vice chancellor for research and graduate dean, said one of the pact’s main goals is to help recruit potential graduate students from Harris-Stowe, as the Missouri university does not have a graduate program.

According to an April 19 university news release, the university will assist potential graduate students with the application process and will offer Harris-Stowe students the graduate school in-state tuition rate.

Koropchak said he and a group of representatives including Susan Ford, associate dean and director of the graduate school; and Linda McCabe Smith, associate chancellor for institutional diversity; met with Harris-Stowe staff and designed the agreement. The committee began to build the pact after several meetings, he said.

“I drafted and negotiated the details of the memorandum of agreement that we have, working directly with the provost over at Harris-Stowe,” he said.

Koropchak said the memorandum process began with Sapphire Cureg, Center for Inclusive Excellence director, who worked with Harris-Stowe President Albert Walker while the two worked at Bluefield State College in Bluefield, W. Va. Chancellor Rita Cheng met with Walker at a professional conference, he said.

“*Sometimes the administrators, and the faculty, and the staff, they’ve been in their positions on the other side of the fence for so long. They forget, sometimes, what it’s like to be a student.*”

— Martinique Free
graduate student in health education from Orangeburg, S.C.

As the schools continued correspondence, Koropchak said the university invited a group of Harris-Stowe students the same day the memorandum was signed to visit the campus and see graduate school programs. While several students were interested in the university’s masters of business administration program, the touring students had a variety of interests.

“(The programs students visited were) pretty much across the spectrum,” he said. “There were students interested in the College of Education, there were some students interested in history, that Ph.D. program, physiology, plant biology.”

The university also conducted a workshop during the visit to explain the application process, he said. Koropchak said he has viewed submitted applications for 6 to 10 potential graduate students.

However, while the university invited Harris-Stowe students to visit campus, Ford said the memorandum also includes an actual SIU presence on HSSU’s campus.

“In the future, we plan to send one of our admissions officers to Harris-Stowe each fall to do a workshop on campus,” he said.

Ford said admissions will make sure it makes a targeted visit to Harris-Stowe during the recruitment process.

Several officials, including a Harris-Stowe

staff member, said both universities’ diverse range of students is a positive in the process.

Martinique Free, a graduate student in health education from Orangeburg, S.C., was also a part of the Harris-Stowe committee. Free said she is able to use her experience to make a top-quality pact as a student who attended North Carolina A&T, a predominantly black undergraduate school, and the University of Pittsburgh, a predominantly white graduate school.

“I can look through this collaboration through my lens and think about ‘what were my needs at that time?’” she said. “‘What were my perceived needs versus my actual needs?’”

It was incredibly important for the committee to include student input, Free said.

“Sometimes the administrators, and the faculty, and the staff, they’ve been in their positions on the other side of the fence for so long,” she said. “They forget, sometimes, what it’s like to be a student.”

A Harris-Stowe official said he also is excited about combining SIU and Harris-Stowe’s diverse populations, particularly through the education programs, as the diverse populations of both campuses provide a good array of training.

Dwayne Smith, HSSU vice president for academic affairs, said faculty exchange, a process typically involving schools in foreign

countries through which teachers from different universities hold classes at a sister university, is an important part of the pact.

“Harris-Stowe is a primarily, historically black institution with a high concentration of students of color, located in the urban region,” he said. “Carbondale (is a) predominately white institution that is primarily located in a rural region. We felt that we could possibly get some of the same dynamics, the same outcomes that typical faculty exchange programs have.”

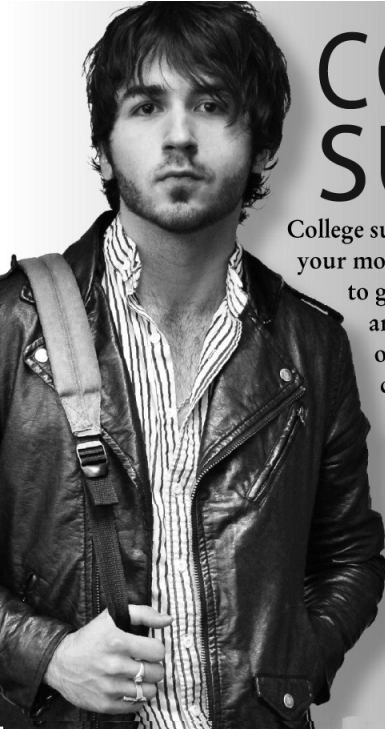
Smith said the committee saw the education program as an opportunity to allow teachers to practice their profession in both rural and urban environments. The pact benefits Harris-Stowe as undergraduate students begin to vie for competitive graduate programs, he said. However, both universities can benefit from campus diversity, Smith said.

“You have a diverse population who is provided access to higher education,” he said. “This is one way, through this graduate partnership, that we can provide access to individuals who seek a graduate school degree.”

According to Harris-Stowe’s website, HSSU has roots in two schools: Harris Teachers College, which served white students as early as 1906, and Stowe Teachers College, which served black students and began operations in 1890. The schools were integrated in 1954 but retained the name Harris Teachers College.

In 1979, Harris-Stowe College became a member of the State system of higher education, and 2005 the college officially reached University status, according to HSSU’s website.


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USG passes treasury amendment

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Undergraduate Student Government wrapped up the semester Tuesday night with a new amendment and four new committee chair candidates.

After two months of debate, USG passed an amendment to implement a Department of Treasury in place of its present Finance Committee. The group also swore in its new president and senators, and it produced a game plan for its new executive affairs committee, internal affairs committee and treasurer candidates.

The treasury amendment passed with only two members opposing. The main concern senators thought should be changed deals with the president having too much power. Senator Rineys Moore, a freshman from Belleville studying political science, said he was concerned the president, not the senators, would appoint the treasurer.

Senator and President Elect Adrian Miller, a sophomore from Carbondale studying political science, said there is already an impeachment portion of the constitution if the senate feels its necessary to remove a chairperson.

The senate does not need to worry about any president or chairperson having too much power, said Oliver Keys Jr., a junior from East St. Louis, studying automotive technology and USG senator.

“Power is not really the big point,” he said. “The treasurer will have responsibility over any power. That’s why it’s a committee — it’s checks and balances.”

Senator Cameron Shulak, a freshman from Louisville, Ky., studying aviation

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— Oliver Keys, Jr.
USG Senator

flight management, said past problems occurred where people didn’t know who to go to about financial issues because no one directly held the responsibility.

The treasury department’s members will also be nominated and approved by the senate by a two-thirds vote, Shulak said.

The amendment outlines the department’s duties and responsibilities. It states that the seven members are responsible for making allocations to Registered Student Organizations and abiding by student funding guidelines. The last section states that the department maintains and makes any modifications to those guidelines.

Shulak said all changes had been made based on the previous senators’ concerns.

Beyond finalizing the amendments, USG swore in a new president and senators and began to prepare for the 2013-2014 school year.

President Brittany Greathouse swore Miller along with two new senators — Shane Kenealy, from Eastside Campus Housing and Richard Master, from the College of Applied Sciences — whose positions will start in the beginning of the fall semester.

Miller said his administration will first begin by working with the Graduate Professional Student Council to amend election commission rules and make elections run more fairly and smoothly.

The previous student trustee election was problematic because the rules were unclear, and there was much debate on the correct actions to take concerning whether to keep student trustee Jesse Cler on the ballot.

“We must have a standard that truly allows every student a fair shot at determining their candidate,” Miller said.

Miller announced Keys as his vice president during the meeting. Candidates for the executive affairs committee chair included Senators Desmon Walker and Tracy Shorter. Senator Sarah Hollis and Senator Christopher Wheatley are the candidates for the internal affairs committee chair candidates.

USG also decided to implement chair pro tempores for all unfilled postions to maintain proper procedures. Vice President Corbin Doss said the proper procedure is to elect the candidates in one meeting and give them until the following meeting to prepare speeches and pass a vote.

The candidates will act as pro tempore co-chairs until the first meeting of the fall semester, so that work can be accomplished throughout the summer. Shulak was nominated as treasurer pro tempore.

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Coach accused in car theft ring

ST. LOUIS (AP) — A former Southeast Missouri State University women’s basketball coach who is now coaching at a northeast Kansas community college was arraigned Tuesday in a multi-state car theft conspiracy.

William J. Smith, 48, of Highland, Kan., is charged with one count of conspiracy and three counts each of mail fraud and receipt of a stolen motor vehicle. No guilty pleas were entered on his behalf during his arraignment in federal court in St. Louis.

Smith is among 21 people charged in a conspiracy that prosecutors allege involved more than 100 vehicles. The U.S. attorney’s office said in a release that the defendants stole or fraudulently obtained vehicles from individuals and automobile dealerships in Missouri, Iowa, Illinois and Indiana, and used different schemes to obtain insurance proceeds by staging accidents and filing false theft reports.

Some vehicles were obtained when “straw” purchasers made false statements on loan applications and submitted fraudulent earnings statements to obtain loans for typically high-end vehicles. The defendants used and then sold or disposed of the vehicles while the loan defaulted. The indictment said tracking systems such as OnStar were disabled so the stolen vehicles could not be traced by law enforcement.

The indictment said that in 2011 and 2012, Smith obtained fraudulent transfer titles from the Osage Nation for a dozen vehicles, including two Mercedes. The titles allowed the vehicles to be resold.

Smith resigned as women’s basketball coach at SEMO, which is in Cape Girardeau, in December 2006 after four seasons. He’s the current women’s basketball coach at Highland Community College in northeast Kansas. Craig Mosher, the vice president for institutional advancement at Highland Community College, said Smith is not suspended and said the school is waiting for the legal process’ outcome.

Smith, who is free on bond, didn’t immediately return cellphone or email messages from The Associated Press.

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Greg and Steph might love each other, but they just can't get along.

The two, characters from Neil LaBute's "Reasons to be Pretty," helped make a statement last weekend about how physical appearance plays a huge role in today's society.

During the play at McLeod Theater, a heated debate ensued after Greg, the main character, told his girlfriend Steph she had a regular-lookingn face. She didn't take the comment lightly and came close to ending the relationship.

As tension builds between the two, he is confronted with just how much his remark hurt her. The result puts the couple at odds with each other as the show progresses and leaves Greg to learn a very important lesson about romantic relationships: It is best to make woman feel loved by telling her she's beautiful.

LaBute's play is a commentary on society's obsession with physical appearance and how the problem

can tear relationships apart. Most of his works focus on portraying the battle of the sexes and topics people might be afraid to discuss.

Patrick McGregor, a graduate student in directing from Westerville, Ohio, and stage manager, said the show's theme is relevant today because it relates to what college students go through. He said Greg's mistake is common among relationships.

It's easy for men to say something about a woman's appearance and be misunderstood, he said.

Greg ends up being the character throughout the play whose actions are misinterpreted as he tries to make up for his hurtful words.

McGregor said the show aims to make audiences reflect on the choices they can make.

"We want people to take a step back, sort of look at his or her life and the people involved in it and see how they can change his or her interactions with others," he said.

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Summer 2013: A guide to the biggest films

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MAY



“Iron Man 3” (May 3)

Marvel’s first post-“Avengers” flick ventures back into familiar territory, as Tony Stark/Iron Man goes up against his nemesis The Mandarin, played by Ben Kingsley, a terrorist bent on destroying Stark’s life, as well as businessman Aldrich Killian, played by Guy Pearce, a rival of Tony’s who might be harboring a few dark secrets. Director Shane Black takes the reins of the franchise from Jon Favreau, who directed “Iron Man” and “Iron Man 2,” so it will be interesting to see what spin he puts on the franchise.

“Star Trek Into Darkness” (May 17)

Director J.J. Abrams, who announced he’s going to direct Disney’s new “Star Wars” films, returns to the different, but arguably just as popular, franchise he rebooted in 2009. “Darkness” follows Captain James Kirk, played by Chris Pine, as he and his crew are confronted by terrorist “John Harrison,” who might or might not be the memorable Trek villain Khan — Abrams refuses to let the lid off the secret. In fact, he’s been rather tight-lipped about the whole movie, which will most certainly make for a better viewing experience.



“The Hangover Part III” (May 24)

The sequel to the brilliant, original first film, as well as the critically panned but incredibly successful second film, brings an end to the story of Alan, Stu, Phil and Doug, otherwise known as the Wolfpack. Once again the four are pulled into the seedy underworld by Mr. Chow, played by Ken Jeong, as one of Chow’s business associates wants to find the money he claims Chow stole from him. Instead of staying in one place, the action moves from Mexico to Las Vegas, and hopefully a different storyline can inject some life into the series that really should have remained just one movie.

Also in May: Director Baz Luhrmann and stars Leonardo DiCaprio and Tobey Maguire add their spin to F. Scott Fitzgerald’s classic “The Great Gatsby,” May 10; the resurrected “Fast and the Furious” franchise makes a Memorial Day comeback as the crew head to Europe to stop a lethal mercenary organization in “Fast and Furious 6,” May 24; and Will Smith joins his son Jaden in M. Night Shyamalan’s futuristic adventure “After Earth,” May 31.

JULY

“The Lone Ranger” (July 3)

Gore Verbinski and Johnny Depp, the duo who brought you the wildly successful “Pirates of the Caribbean” franchise, hope lightning will strike twice as they relaunch the classic TV show. Armie Hammer stars as the Ranger, while Depp takes on the role of Native American Tonto. Hammer isn’t a huge draw, so if Disney wants to be successful in the Fourth of July box office, they better hope Depp has enough star power to boost a movie that we’ve seen several times before.

“Pacific Rim” (July 12)

Speaking of something we’ve seen several times before, director Guillermo del Toro brings this machines v. aliens epic to the big screen, but del Toro is going to have to do a bit more to convince me that this movie is more than “Transformers” in a foreign country. He’s an inventive director, and his visuals are impressive, so I’ll give him the benefit of the doubt — hopefully he has created something more unique. Of course, I’m not encouraged by lines such as “Today we are cancelling the apocalypse!” in the trailer.



“The Wolverine” (July 26)

The newest movie in the X-Men franchise takes Hugh Jackman’s Wolverine to Japan in search of solace. However, he soon discovers a treatment that could take away his mutant powers and allow him to lead a normal life. I think we all know how this is going to end, considering Wolverine is in next summer’s “Days of Future Past.” Wolverine’s last solo movie, “X-Men Origins: Wolverine” was a dud, so my hopes aren’t incredibly high for this one. 20th Century Fox, “Wolverine”’s production company, also is notorious for chopping up action films. Set your hopes low and be pleasantly surprised.

Also in July: Steve Carell returns to voice the dastardly Gru, who has been recruited to help the good guys this time in “Despicable Me 2,” July 3; Bruce Willis, John Malkovich and Helen Mirren reprise their roles as retired government agents who must save the world in “RED 2,” July 19; Ryan Reynolds and Jeff Bridges are dead lawmen who protect the world of the living from souls who refuse to pass on to the afterlife in “RIPD,” July 19.

JUNE

“Man of Steel” (June 14)

Warner Bros. is betting big on this one, but they’ve played the marketing quite low key. “Man of Steel” is a “Dark Knight”-esque take on Superman, and it may very well set up the long-rumored “Justice League” film. Director Zack Snyder and producer Christopher Nolan make one heck of a team; Nolan can help Snyder, a director whose visuals are stunning but plots need a little work, while Snyder can help Nolan, a producer whose plots are often inventive and topical but lack Snyder’s keen eye for incredible visuals. I’m incredibly excited to see how these two work together to bring the legend to life.



“Monsters University” (June 21)

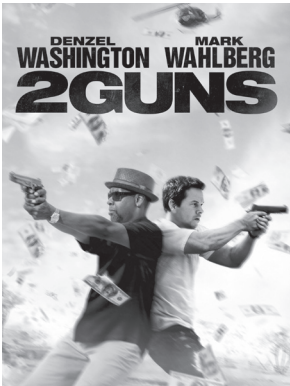
Pixar has been more focused on their sequels lately, as the only original movie they’ve produced since 2009 is “Brave,” which certainly wasn’t their finest. “Monsters University” continues this tradition. A prequel to “Monsters, Inc.,” “University” follows main characters Mike and Sulley as they meet for the first time as college rivals. The film will play well to crowds who grew up with the original, one of Pixar’s best works, but I have the odd feeling that this will play more like a crude DreamWorks movie rather than an inventive Pixar flick. It’ll be interesting to see where the studio takes this one.

“White House Down” (June 28)

If you’re having Déjà vu, you’re not alone. Back in March, “Olympus Has Fallen,” another movie about a White House siege, performed above expectations at the box office. However, director Roland Emmerich, best known for the amount of times his films have ravaged New York City, is banking on this film’s PG-13 rating, as well as star Channing Tatum, to draw in the crowds. Tatum is a wannabe secret service agent who must defend the president when a paramilitary group tries to seize Washington. Stuff will blow up.

Also in June: “Wedding Crashers” co-stars Vince Vaughn and Owen Wilson return, this time as out-of-work schlubs who manage to score an internship at Google in the aptly named “The Internship,” June 7; Seth Rogen, James Franco and cast of others star as themselves as the world comes to an end in “This is the End,” June 12; zombies take over the big screen as Brad Pitt tries to find a cure to a worldwide epidemic in “World War Z,” June 21.

AUGUST



“2 Guns” (Aug. 2)

Here’s the team you’ve been waiting to see — Denzel Washington and Mark Wahlberg. The two team up in “2 Guns,” one of the summer’s only original screenplays. The two play agents investigating each other on charges that the other is stealing from the mob. However, they soon learn they have been set up by the CIA and must work together to survive. Washington has had a good few years; he received an Oscar nomination for his incredible performance in “Flight.” Wahlberg has been weaker, with performances in “Pain and Gain” and “Broken City.” But I trust the two will make for a good screen team.

“Elysium” (Aug. 9)

Neill Blomkamp, the director of “District 9,” returns to the screen with a tale of have’s and have not’s. “Elysium” takes place in a future where the filthy rich live on a space station free of pain and sickness. People can literally lay down in a bed and have their cancer cured. The rest of us have to live on Earth, which is quickly decaying. Matt Damon stars as an Earth dweller who is quickly dying and must fight his way onto the space station. Blomkamp has an eye for effective visuals on a small budget, and while “Elysium” cost more than “District 9,” I think he knows how to handle his budget well. This could be one of the summer’s better films.



“Kick-Ass 2” (Aug. 16)

The sequel to 2010’s surprise hit returns to the story of Dave, played by Aaron Taylor-Johnson, a superhero with no powers beyond his slightly elevated fighting skills. Dave teams up with his old partner Hit-Girl, played by Chloe Grace Moretz, to take down the new villain played by Christopher Mintz-Plasse of “Superbad” fame. I can’t actually say Mintz-Plasse’s character’s name in this paper, so that should give you an idea of how vulgar this movie might be. It’s certainly not your typical superhero movie, and hopefully it can live up to the lofty standards the first movie set.

Also in August: So the 300 soldiers died in the first one. Warner Bros. doesn’t care. The semi-prequel to Zak Snyder’s 2007 hit “300,” “300: Rise of an Empire,” Aug. 2, follows several naval battles that occurred at the same time as the original movie; Logan Lerman returns as a demigod searching for a golden fleece that will protect his home in the book adaptation “Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters,” Aug. 7; Another book franchise hits the big screen as Lily Collins plays Clary, a teenager who discovers she is a half-human, half-angel warrior in “The Mortal Instruments: City of Bones,” Aug. 23.




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pet connection

New techniques make vet visits easier

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In the past, I've been less nervous about air travel than I have been about my cats' veterinary appointments. And there's a reason for it: While I can and do manage my own levels of stress and annoyance when turning myself over to the air-travel system at the security checkpoint, controlling a cat's fear of the veterinary hospital has been for many years something I couldn't manage.

Until recently, that is.

In the years between writing "Cats For Dummies" and co-authoring "Your Cat: The Owner's Manual," a huge amount of work has been done to make veterinary practices more "feline-friendly," and a lot of information about ways to keep cats calmer before, during and after their visits has become available. With wellness checkups for my cats Ilario and Mariposa on the calendar, I reviewed my plan of action and prepared for V-Day.

Everything went perfectly. The cats traveled quietly in their carriers, were relaxed if not exactly happy at the veterinarian's, passed their wellness exams with flying colors and settled back into their routines at home without a hiccup. One even had blood drawn, which in previous visits would have meant at least two with puncture wounds — the cat and one of the humans involved.

What did I do? I started by putting the carriers out two days early and setting them in the room where the cats like sunning themselves. That meant no running when the carriers appeared. My carriers are also of a style designed just for



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cats by behaviorists: They're roomy and sturdy, and they break down easily in the exam room -- the top can be removed, and the cat can remain comfortable and secure in the "bed" half that remains.

On the day of the visit, about an hour before we had to leave, I sprayed folded towels with Feliway — a substance that mimics a natural

calming pheromone — and put them in the crates. I hadn't fed the cats so they'd be more interested in treats, and so the one who always throws up wouldn't (she didn't). I'd closed the door on them in their sunning room so they couldn't hide elsewhere in the house.

About a half-hour before we needed to leave, I put the cats in their carriers, put the carriers on

the bed and put towels with more Feliway on top of them. I left those towels in place when I put the carriers in the car and secured them with the seat belts.

When I got to my veterinarian's, her team was ready. We were put immediately in a quiet room so my cats didn't have to sit around other animals, especially dogs. With the room secured, an expert technician allowed them to wander and relax, or to just sit in their crates if that made them more comfortable. Every interaction was gentle and patient, with lots of praise, treats and petting.

Ilario does not like strangers, and he does not like being handled unless he chooses to be petted. While he wasn't happy to be there, he never reacted violently out of fear. He even tolerated a nail-clipping and the spot application of flea-control, which is a hard job for me to handle with just my own two hands. It's ideally a two-person job, and Ilario handled it just fine. As for Mariposa, she never stopped purring, even though she was due for vaccines and — since I'd recently adopted her — needed a microchip.

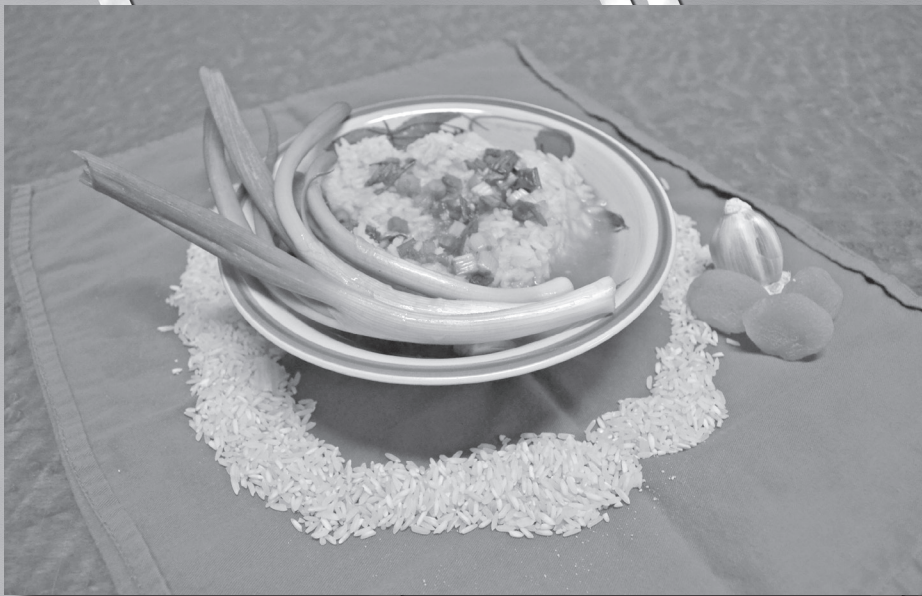
It was the best trip to the vet's ever, thanks to my preparation and my veterinarian's work to make her practice a place where a cat can be happy. Cats should never be treated as if they are small dogs, and I'm so glad to see so many veterinary practices becoming feline-friendly.

You'll find guidelines for pet owners and veterinary practices at The CATalyst Council's website, catalystcouncil.org. Then talk to your veterinarian about cat-friendly care. You might be surprised at how much has changed for the better in recent years.

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ZESTY APRICOT RICE WITH SHRIMP

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Zesty Apricot Rice

Minutes: 22 Servings: 2



This dish does not have an Italian flare to it despite its use of garlic. Enjoy!

Ingredients

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| 1/2 dry cup white rice | Dash of pepper |
| 1/4 cup orange juice | 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger |
| 1/8 pineapple juice* | 2 tablespoons apricot preserves |
| 1 tablespoon soy sauce | Crushed red pepper to taste (optional) |
| 1 clove minced or pressed garlic | 1/4 cup chopped green onions |
| 1/2 tablespoon honey | 2 oz (1/4 pound) pre-cooked salad shrimp; thawed, or 1 (8oz) can of cooked chicken, or 2 butterfly pork chops** |

Prepare rice to package directions. While the rice cooks combine the orange juice, pineapple juice, soy sauce, over medium-low heat; stir. Stir in the garlic, honey, pepper, ginger and crushed red pepper; stir. Spoon in two tablespoons apricot preserves and stir well. Two minutes before rice is done add the quarter-cup chopped green onions and the shrimp or chicken to the honey-orange sauce. When rice is done, take sauce off heat and serve over rice.

**If using pork chops:

Preheat oven on broiler setting. Prepare rice to package directions. Trim fat from pork chops and put in broiler pan. Broil four to five inches from heat source for 14 minutes. Meanwhile, prepare the sauce as above, except omit the shrimp or chicken. When rice and pork chops are done, take sauce off heat. Serve the pork chops over rice; pour sauce over pork chops and rice.

*A cost-effective way to buy such a small amount of pineapple juice is to purchase a small can of sliced pineapple in juice.

Meal Idea

Asian Slaw

Time: 10 minutes Servings: 4

Ingredients

- 6 Cups red cabbage
- 4 Ounces mandarin oranges; drained
- 1/3 Cup peanuts
- 1/4 Cup soy sauce

In large bowl, toss peanuts and mandarin oranges with bite-sized pieces of red cabbage. Add soy sauce and Balsamic vinaigrette; toss again.

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Essentially, McGregor said, the play confronts what defines a good person in a society obsessed with physical appearance, McGregor said.

Max Ryan, a senior from Gurnee studying theater, plays Greg and said he relates to his character because Greg is really a good guy trying to make up for his mistake.

At the end of the day, he said, he wanted audiences to see Greg as an innocent person caught in a difficult situation with his girlfriend that many men can be caught in.

Stephannie Sill, a Carbondale resident and audience member, said the play is very true to human nature. Focusing on an individual's looks and not his or her own heart is a big problem in our society, she said.

"We can all get way too concerned with a lot of things ... our looks and ourselves and what we think we need," she said.

Overall, the play does a good job showing issues with society's definition of romantic relationships by highlighting how sensitive the topic can be for women, Sill said.

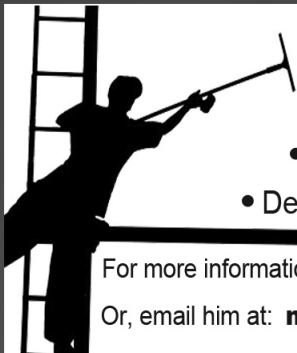
While much of the play's conflict is fueled by Greg's small comment, the play is meant to show the good consequences that can follow by taking the time to tell a woman she is beautiful, Ryan said.

"The smallest thing, positive or negative, can have huge implications," he said.

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The art of the mola

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comes from Panama's Guna women

PANAMA CITY, Panama — From the traditional blouses worn by Guna Indian women to evening gowns, wall hangings and even oven mitts, mola designs are everywhere in Panama.

Formed by stacking layers of vividly hued cloth together and then snipping away a part of each layer to form a design, the textiles are traditionally made by Guna women from the San Blas Islands to form the front and back panels of their blouses.

But now you'll find these sculptures in cloth hawked on street corners in tourist areas and sewn into everything from bedspreads and pillow cases to purses and yarmulkes. Miss Panama 2011 even wore a mola-inspired skirt when she competed in the Miss Universe pageant.

"This is a living art and a dying art at the same time," said Lynne Saltzman de Berger, proprietor of Flory Saltzman Molas, a Panama City shop started by her mother Flory, 86. Tucked away in every corner and stacked to the ceiling are more than a million molas that the elder Saltzman began collecting and selling in the early 1960s.

The Guna refer to the San Blas archipelago as Guna Yala. Both the indigenous people and the place used to be known as Kuna, but the switch was made a few years ago at the insistence of the Guna people — they said the letter K did not exist in their language.

In the early days, the Guna women remained on the islands, just off the northeastern coast of Panama. The men did the selling, arriving at the shop between 7 and 9 a.m., when Flory Saltzman did her buying.

The Guna are becoming more assimilated as they move to the mainland. Mola sellers are often women these days, Saltzman said.

About 15,000 Guna create molas, Saltzman said. "Everyone makes them. Not everyone is an artist."

To make the huge quantity of molas the store has accumulated over the years more marketable, Saltzman has them fashioned into everything from beach bags to glasses holders and T-shirts.

Other than requesting some white-on-white molas to match the color scheme of her mother's home, Saltzman and her mother have eschewed interfering with the traditional designs and colors of the Gunas' confections. They don't request designer color schemes or soothing floral designs that are more compatible with home decor.

Though plenty of tourist molas in au courant colors are sold all over Panama, most of the textiles in the Saltzman shop are in the traditional mola colors of black, burgundy, red, and orange.

Helene Breebaart, a Panama City fashion designer and artist, isn't such a purist — but she keeps the mola tradition alive in her own way.

She uses traditional molas as her inspiration but creates the designs herself. "I like to maintain their traditions but I'm not going to steal their designs," Breebaart said. "We are creative here."

Breebaart, who is French, came to Panama to help launch the Christian Dior line in the Americas and wound up marrying her boss. The couple, who both had their pilot licenses, often took trips to the San Blas Islands on the weekends.

"One day I was looking at these beautiful girls with their molas and said, 'I'm going to make my own mola designs,'" said Breebaart, who studied art in France and lived in a household where there was a full-time dressmaker on staff.

Her first design was a pineapple motif that that was appliqued on a simple shift. That was 1978. The pineapple became the logo for her business, and she hasn't looked back since. Beauty queens, socialites and even Rosalynn Carter are clients.

She also fulfills one-of-a-kind design requests.

"A Greek ship builder commissioned a pillow for a wedding performed at Versailles and requested a design with the gardens of Versailles in mola form," she said. "I use the fabric like painting."



This mola featuring a fox displays many intricate details from the criss-cross stitchery to rick-rack appliques. Molas are made by Guna women from Panama's San Blas Islands. Molas generally are made from three layers of cloth but ceremonial molas may have five layers or more.

The second floor of her colonial-style home in the Obarrio section has been turned into a workshop, with women from the San Blas Islands as well as other provinces executing molas from Breebaart's designs in a large room that she refers to as the Guna Yala. In other rooms, seamstresses fashion the molas into the bodices of high-fashion gowns or use the decorative panels in everything from sundresses to pant suits.

Her bestseller is a two-tone jacket made from denim or raw silk that is entirely covered with mola motifs. Making such a jacket, she said, takes six weeks. "Our production is very limited because everything is handmade," Breebaart said.

As far as color schemes go, "black and white is the most popular now," she said.

Despite the current pervasiveness of molas in Panama, making them is a relatively recent phenomenon. In his book, "Magnificent Molas: The Art of the Kuna Indians," French ethnologist Michel Perrin said Scottish surgeon Lionel Wafer met the people of the San Blas Archipelago as early as 1681 and noted the women's "passion for graphic arts."

But their geometric designs of birds, beasts and other nature motifs were painted on their bodies, not cut from cloth.

The textile designs didn't appear until the second half of the 19th century and were "an art of reaction, a hybrid art stemming from contact and conflict with whites," Perrin writes. The designs moved to clothing because of the influence of Western clothing "they wanted to imitate or were obliged to wear."

"I want people to treat molas as art, not as a handicraft," Saltzman

said as she plopped a pile of molas on the floor — the best vantage point for viewing the overall designs — and began pointing out what transforms a mola into art.

"Art you look at from a distance," said Saltzman as she pointed out a particularly well-executed design of two turtles — one said, another happy — on an orange background. "You see this design comes alive."

One of the older molas in Saltzman's stock says simply "Revolucion 1925," commemorating a Guna uprising against Panamanian authorities whom they accused of repressing their traditions and forcing them to adopt Hispanic culture. The Guna briefly seceded from Panama, and their homeland is now recognized as an autonomous territory.

And after the December 1989 U.S. invasion of Panama, when tensions between Washington and its former ally, Panama's de facto leader Gen. Manuel Noriega, reached a boiling point, motifs from Operation Justice Cause crept into the molas. Around the same time, molas also were being crafted that depicted the reporters who covered the invasion — and their computers.

In her store, Saltzman displays folkloric masks, tagua seed carvings, baskets, Embera bead work and wood sculptures made by other indigenous groups, but the molas are front and center.

They range from simple panels that sell for 50 cents to \$3.50 that appeal to the back-packing crowd to museum-quality molas that sell for \$100 or more. A king-size bedspread sells for \$450 to \$472.

"I call find beauty in everything — even the 50-cent ones," Saltzman said. "My idea is to share them. Now the art of the mola is much more appreciated than it used to be."

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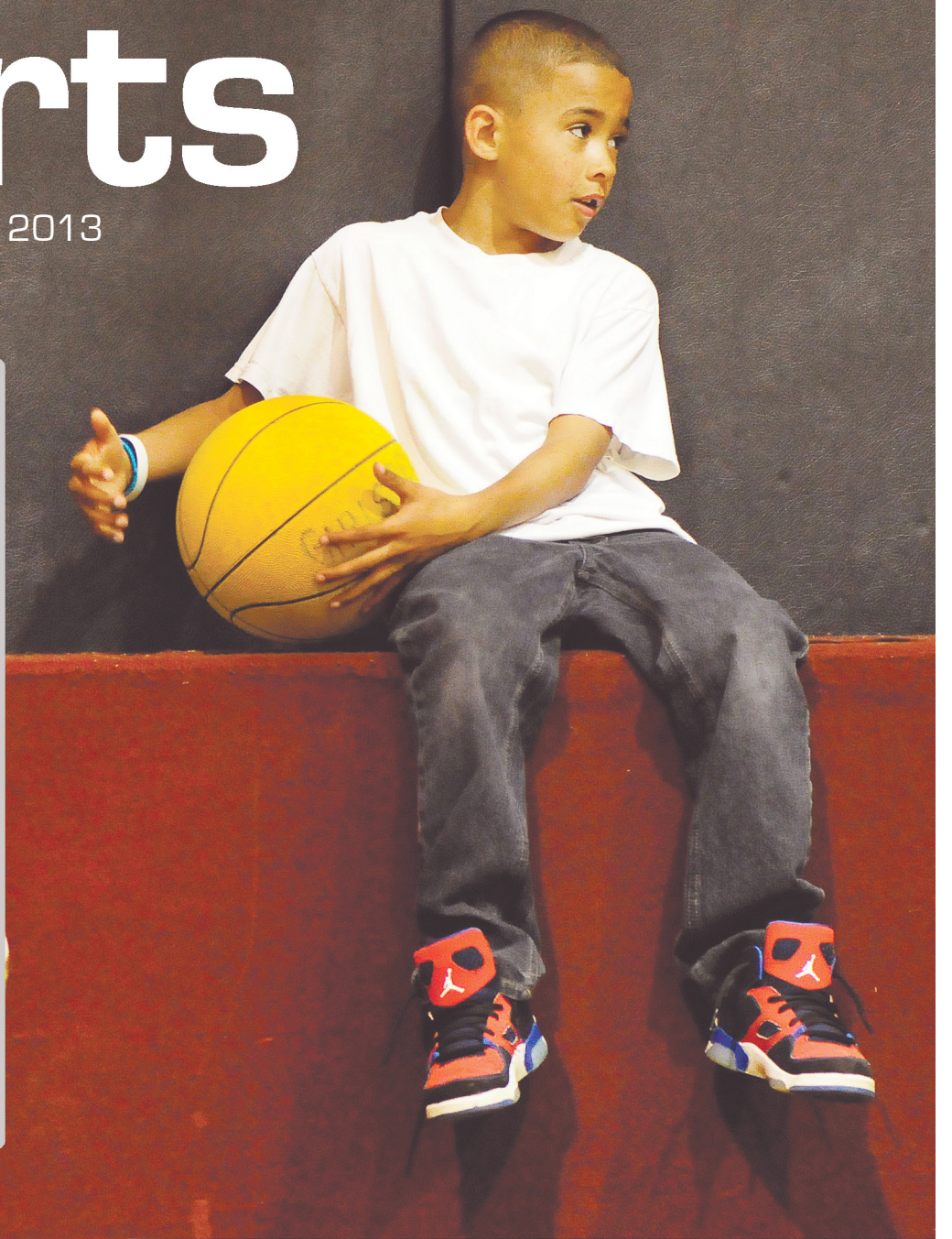
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Two months after the season's conclusion, Carbondale Community High School welcomed a different type of basketball into its gym during the weekend.

Many area kids play on Amateur Athletic Union teams during gradeschool basketball's offseason. The high school hosted a two-day tournament for the AAU, called the Carbondale Classic Championships. Joey Dunham, an eighth-grader from De Soto and member of the AAU's Southern Illinois Select, said the additional season is benefiting his game.

"We get to see a lot of talent out here," he said. "I saw a 6'8" kid, and playing against guys like that help you learn how to get your shot off right and to protect the ball. Coach teaches us more plays and stuff because (AAU) has more competition than school ball."

Coach Riley Swinford, a Marion native and junior at Southern Illinois University, coaches Dunham and 15 other members of his Southern Illinois Select Basketball team. Swinford said the purpose of the AAU is more than just making them better players. It is also for recognition as talent at the higher levels, he said.

"The whole point of AAU basketball is to get these kids college scholarships," Swinford said. "Over the summer, we will play at events where college coaches will come scout out at our games and it gives them a first look. It's such an exclusive experience, so you have to get them in front of the coaches early so that the coaches know who they are as they go through high school."

Swinford said his team began as just a Marion-based team, but it expanded to the surrounding area this past offseason to gather the best area talent on the same team.

"It's kind of funny, during the regular season Marion and Carbondale are conference rivals but we mix some of those kids together to make this team," Swinford said. "It gives them a chance to meet other kids from other towns, and they have really bonded as teammates. They all look at each other like brothers now, and it's just great."

Top: Steven Traylor, of Carbondale, sits on the sidelines while Carbondale Select team members and siblings of tournament participants play a pick-up game on an open basketball court. Traylor's brother, Keyon, plays for Carbondale Select.

Bottom: Keyon Traylor takes a breather during Carbondale Select's game against Wayne City. — Provided by Jessica Tezak

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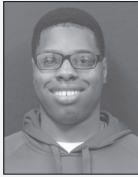
The 2013 NBA playoffs provided fans with last-second buzzer-beating wins, exciting high scoring games and instances where the underdog defeats the clear favorite. With the first round of the NBA postseason drawing to a conclusion, what has been the best thing about the playoffs so far?



Matt Ferguson

Chicago Bulls guard Nate Robinson's 34 point performance in the Bulls' triple overtime win against the Brooklyn Nets has stood out the most to me. He is filling some big shoes since he is taking the role of late-game scorer while guard Derrick Rose has been on the bench. Robinson hitting a running one-handed shot from just inside the three-point line with the taller Deron Williams draped all over him will stay with me for a while.

The New York Knicks' play in the first round has been pretty memorable. The Knicks are up 3-1 against the Boston Celtics thanks to the play of 2013 scoring champion Carmelo Anthony and sixth man of the year J.R. Smith. It has been a long time since New York has seen playoff success, and it's nice to see them back into the discussion as a dominate franchise.



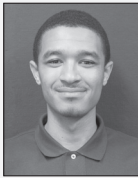
Terrance Peacock



Jack Robinson

The best thing so far in the playoffs has been the Golden State series against Denver. These two teams are vastly different and some great games have resulted from that. The best story has been Stephen Curry's hot three point shooting hand and the high powered Warrior offense against a Nuggets team that likes to grind games out. Both teams are playing without stars, the Warriors lack David Lee and the Nuggets are without Danilo Gallinari. I expect this series to go the full seven games.

The play of the Golden State Warriors and their leader Stephan Curry has been inspirational to say the least. The Warriors entered the playoffs as the No. 6 seed and were pitted against a hot No. 3 seed in the Denver Nuggets. Golden State's all-star forward David Lee was injured in the first game of the series, but the rest of the Warriors team has stepped up and produced when needed. Curry is earning the right to wear his team's logo as he has led the team with both a swollen eye and sore ankle to a 3-2 lead over the Nuggets.



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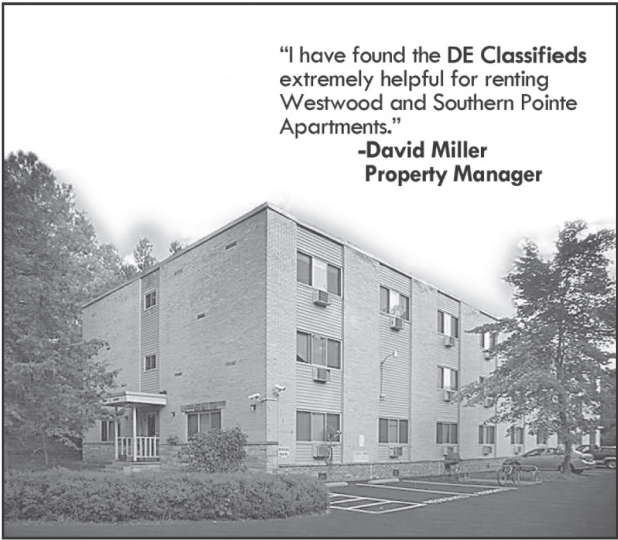
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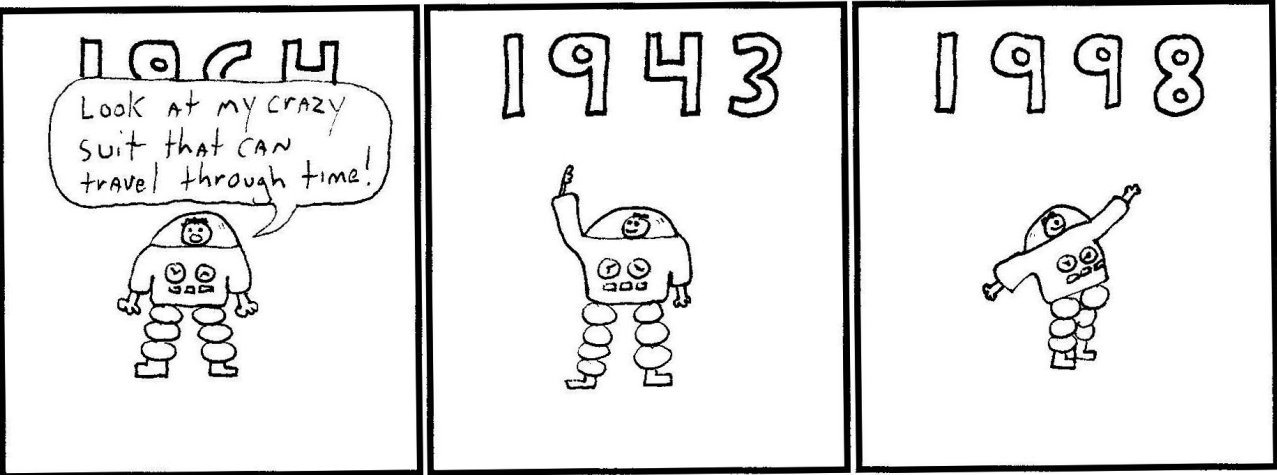
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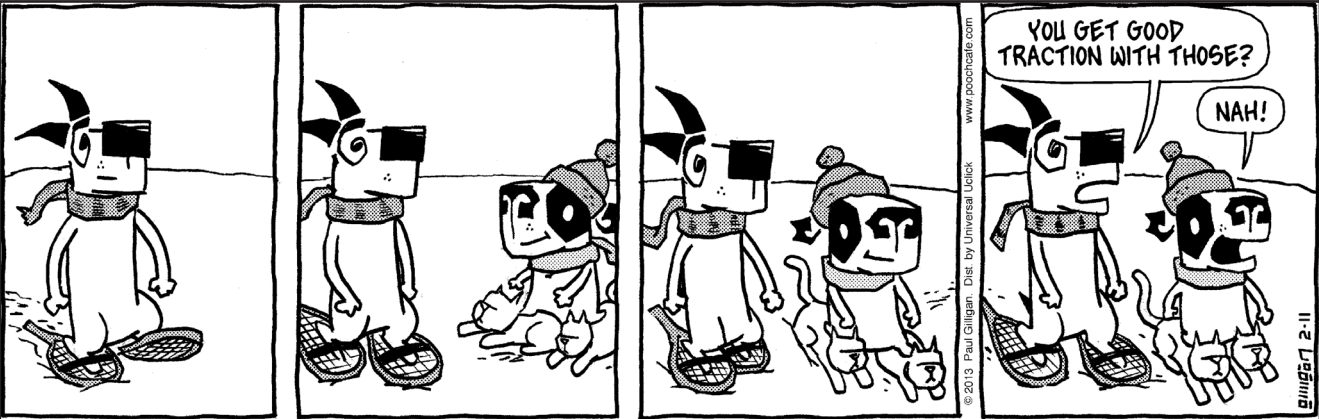


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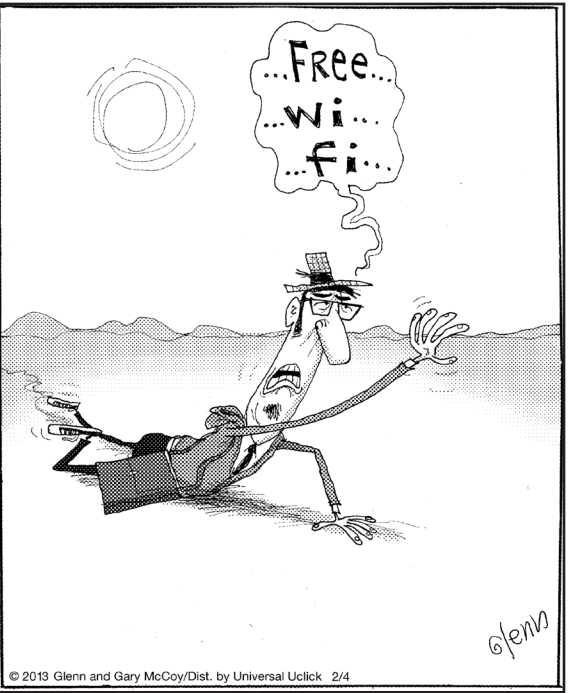
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10 Heavy weight
11 Ice cream treat since the 1920s
12 Mrs. Gorbachev
13 ___ numeral
18 Snapshot, commercially
22 Heart-healthy food claim
25 Rhino feature
26 Webzines
27 Scot's sailing site
28 Wine quality
30 LAPD alert
31 Primary colore
32 Neanderthal type
34 Former carrier with a JFK hub

Wednesday's Puzzle Solved

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- 35 Historic peninsula
37 JFK posting
38 "The Matrix" hero
40 Reason to scratch
41 Archer of note
46 Boiling point?
48 Bridge master
Sharif
49 Parody
50 Dr. with advice
51 Cowboy's rope
52 "Oliver Twist" villain
53 S, as in Socrates
54 Mac messaging program
55 Actress Davis
59 One to whom you might say, "I doubt that"
61 Wanted poster uncle?
62 CPR expert
63 ___ Schwarz

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Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contain every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk.

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- 1 Ben Harper "The Will to Live" opener
- 6 Iconic Swedish foursome
- 10 Travis jam off "The Invisible Band"
- 14 Metric "Help I'm ____"
- 15 ____hoof, San Francisco noise band
- 16 Japanese guitar manufacturer
- 17 Number of "Wonders" Fleetwood Mac sang about
- 18 Ticket band that's playing gets
- 19 "Nearly ____ You" Screaming Trees
- 20 Arctic Monkeys' love affair (with "A")?
- 23 The minute some special guests arrive
- 24 "Bright Idea" band
- 25 You step on them
- 28 White Album "Truffle" song
- 31 What's "High," to Maiden
- 32 Thorogood "Born to ____"
- 33 "Bigger Than the Devil" gp.
- 36 Song B.B. King is known for
- 40 "Let's go to the ____"
- 41 "Copperhead Road" Steve
- 42 Neil Young "Like an ____"
- 43 What to lay on Bon Jovi?
- 44 "Seven and the ____ Tiger"
- 46 Bluesman Taj
- 49 "She walked up to me and she asked me to dance" lady
- 50 "____ some. I want some too!"
- 56 Beatles "Abbey ____"
- 57 How Eddie Vedder flows
- 58 What the Dead will do to your face
- 60 "Oh ____", I'd be in trouble if you left me now"
- 61 "I've ____ All Good People"
- 62 "The Sport of ____" Triumph
- 63 "Rebel Rouser" Duane
- 64 "He made it to the ocean, had a smoke in a ____ Pearl Jam
- 65 What Madonna did in "Who's That Girl?"

- 1 Between mis and sols
- 2 Former Bon Jovi bassist John Such
- 3 Type of starter band gig
- 4 "What It's Like" singer
- 5 Owl City "___ Care"
- 6 Say Anything "___ It!"
- 7 "___ Caught Stealing" Jane's
Addiction
- 8 Wild My Morning Jacket song?
- 9 Woody's son
- 10 Nonexistent for starving musicians
- 11 Former Pearl Jam drummer Jack
- 12 Embarrassing '70s music
- 13 Iggy Pop "Eat Or Be ___"
- 21 "American Bad ___" Kid Rock
- 22 What Rilo Kiley was "Capturing"?
- 25 HIM song that set a course,
with "The"?
- 26 Delay/Reverb's cousin
- 27 "Ten" song by Pearl Jam
- 28 What "Peace" does, to Megadeth?
- 29 Accomplished musician
- 30 Guitar virtuoso Steve
- 32 Feathery saxophonist?
- 33 "Same old ___ and dance"
- 34 Pearl Jam "Ten" opener
- 35 They "Can Dance"
- 37 10-Across lead singer
- 38 "I ___ so far away"
- 39 Big "Surfer Rosa" Pixies song?
- 43 Brandy "___ Breathing"
- 44 Skid ___
- 46 Where Jewel is from
- 47 Awesome label out of Durham, NC
- 47 What most punk bands do to
mainstream
- 48 "I ___ It Through the Grapevine"
- 49 Mr. ELO
- 51 Pete from the Beatles
- 52 King's X "___ My Head"
- 53 Type of "Lite," in early '90s?
- 54 Festival need
- 55 New Riders of the Purple ___
- 59 Petty "Girl on ___"

Check Your Answers On Page18

Advanced Crossword

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

1 Its goal is to
include "all words
in all languages"
11 Walker of the
1960s 76ers
15 Approaching the
hour
16 Bar mitzvah
staple
17 Retreats
18 Without restraint
19 The Panthers
soon to be of the
ACC
20 Bond first bought
by FDR in 1941
22 Heavenly
approach?
27 Open living rooms
28 Schools
overseas
30 Spartan toiler
31 Ambergris source
35 Wiped out, with
"n"

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37 Birds with colorful
mates
39 Little break
40 Tim of "WKRP in
Cincinnati"
42 Relatives of
penny
dreadfuls
44 Dramatist
Chekhov
46 Caved
47 Ancient
Mexican
49 Fertile Crescent
area
53 Musical name
that means
"Love God"
55 Mid-second-
century date
56 Actress
Rowlands
57 Instigator of '70s-
'80s wars
62 Hydrocarbon
endings
63 Sign of a bad
waiter
64 British side
65 Take over

1 They may be found in board examinations
2 Resigning words
3 Kinte in "Roots"
4 More palatable
5 E-file org.
6 Nasdaq predecessor
7 PBS benefactor
8 LAX datum
9 They usually involve turns: Abbr.
10 Singing cowboy's refrain
11 Bound, in a way
12 Film in which Marv says, "He's only a kid, Harry. We can take him."
13 Caused by weathering
14 Act
21 Fan sound
23 Ottawa-based enforcement gp.
24 Amazed
25 Ron Reagan's first secretary of state

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| 26 Cat's assent | 50 Dress with a flare |
| 29 Record holder | 51 Subsequently |
| 31 Gambit | 52 Clemson player |
| 32 Events | 54 Sport for heavyweights |
| 33 Turnoffs | 58 Dash letters |
| 34 Octa- plus one | 59 Pinup highlight |
| 38 Liszt's "Harmonies du _" | 60 Frat vowel |
| 41 A, to Morse | 61 Film dog's first name? |
| 43 Unlike crews | |
| 45 Formerly | |
| 48 _ yard | |

PLAY 4
By John Wilmes

31

(Up[?] up)

"The ____ of Glory"
by Lady Gaga

Fit to be ____ (livid)

Oil company

A March sister

Brickell or Falco

"Rock of ____"
by Def Leppard

Danson and Kennedy

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Catcher cuts down Sycamores



LAURA ROBERTS | THE WEEKENDER

Junior catcher Allie VadeBancouer warms up between innings Sunday at Charlotte West Stadium. VadeBancouer hit a home run during the second game of last weekend's series against Bradley University. The Salukis swept the Braves 4-3, 6-5 and 3-2. This weekend the team will travel to Terra Haute, Ind. for a three-game series against Indiana State University.

BASKETBALL

CONTINUED FROM 17

The Select are now 17-2 on the season after winning the Carbondale Classic and outscoring their opponents by an average of 24.5 points in the weekend's four games. Where the Select are some of the best players in the area, teams like the Wayne City Basket Brawlers use almost the same roster and coaches that Wayne uses.

Greenwaly said having their team face tougher competition in the offseason prepares his team for the regular season.

"We don't consider winning the game a victory," Greenwaly said. "It's competing and getting the guys experience against that top competition. We play such tough competition (against AAU) that once the regular season starts it tremendously helps our guys since they are used to playing a tougher team."

Regardless of the reason for joining the AAU, two parents are happy just to see their kids playing on the team.

Cynthia Cole and Stephanie Dentmon, of Carbondale, both have sons on the Select and say that it is good to keep their children busy over break.

"Our kids don't come from a bad community, but the surroundings of the community were really bad," Cole said. "Here in Carbondale they don't have anything for teenagers to do, and it's like they have no other choice but to go out there and getting themselves into trouble, so I'm really thankful for these little teams."

The AAU has provided success stories for some major athletes such as Knicks forward Carmelo Anthony and recent WNBA No. 1 overall pick Brittney Griner. One of Dentmon's sons, Justin, also found success following his AAU days and has worked his way into the NBA Developmental league.

She said she is happy her son is successful, and she owes a lot to the AAU.

"When they played against their teammates in school they probably didn't get along with them, Dentmon said. "Now since they play on a team together. If can get some more communities to join in like Murphysboro, they could get out on the court together without having any issues."

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Chicago, Pittsburgh plan NHL game at Soldier Field

Associated Press

CHICAGO — The Chicago Blackhawks and Pittsburgh Penguins are heading outside again. Just not on New Year's Day this time.

The NHL announced Wednesday that the Blackhawks and Penguins will play at Soldier Field next year. The regular-season game between two of the league's marquee franchises will be played on Saturday night, March 1.

"It's an exciting thing," Blackhawks captain Jonathan Toews said. "I think that's an exciting matchup especially that a lot of people will probably look forward to. The last time around a lot of the guys that were in this locker room that had the chance to play at Wrigley Field, it was an amazing day and a lot of things about it made it special. So it will be a different venue but to be at home here again, that will be a pretty cool thing."

The Blackhawks hosted the Detroit Red Wings at Wrigley Field on Jan. 1, 2009, as part of the Winter Classic series. Some 40,818 fans attended the game at the home of the Chicago Cubs.

The March 1 date for Chicago and Pittsburgh is part of a series of outdoor regular-season games planned for next season. The league is planning to announce more games soon.

"It's a great experience," Blackhawks coach Joel Quenneville said. "You go back to when we were over at Wrigley and I think everybody had the time of their lives. It's a special game. Once we get into that season, you really anticipate it. You look forward to it."

This will be the third outdoor regular-season game for the Penguins since 2008. Pittsburgh played Buffalo at Ralph Wilson Stadium for the first NHL Winter Classic five years ago, then hosted the Washington Capitals at Heinz Field for the 2011 Classic.

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